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Govorner Bowdoin will attend both State Fairs.

Copies of the premium list of the State Fair may be had at this office.

The Knights of Labor have decided on September 6th as Labor Day, and a celebration is to be held in Portland.

The commissioners of agriculture say that he believes his agreement with the commissioners of the local authorities, have stampede the progress of New England, and are making satisfactory progress in that direction in New York State.

Coffee has advanced in price one cent per pound in the last ten days, this being due to the short crop which the authorities in Rio report. They state that the yield this year has been 5,000,000 bags, against 5,000,000 bags last year.

The commissioners of the Senate Marine Board, in a meeting at a hotel in Boston, Wednesday, Aug. 28, same place, and date as the annual encampment of G. A. R. and the State Fair. It is hoped to make arrangements for courtesies to stop over one or more days.

Of 910 persons asked their opinion as to the annexation of Canada to the United States, 800 wished it and 110 opposed. Most of them were Nova Scotians, and they were almost unanimous for annexation. Ontario and Quebec the answers were two to one in favor of it.

Last week the Brigham News entered upon the eighteenth year of its existence. Major Shober takes parodic pride in recording the growth of these years, but is rather modest in his hopes for the future, as all the sixteen hundred and fifty readers of his excellent paper will agree.

A meeting of the new Eden Water Co. was held at Bar Harbor on Aug. 10. It was voted to raise its capital stock to \$300,000, and to open books for subscription to the stock at once. The stockholders present voted unanimously to begin the construction of the works at once. The meeting was fully attended and very enthusiastic.

The newly organized Fresque Isle National Bank has purchased one-half of the lot now occupied by Mr. F. D. of the lot, the building having been removed, and Mr. C. F. A. Johnson, in connection with the bank, will erect a two-story brick block with a frontage of 93 feet, and 50 feet deep. It is intended to make it a handsome and substantial structure.

The second number of the *Sentinel* specter, the new publication of the State Board of Health will be issued in the fall of this year. The house in the city is a very busy place just now, and Dr. Young and his two assistants are hard at work. The doctor has just returned from a trip to New Hampshire and Boston to obtain information as to the methods of analyzing water.

Mr. George Gregg, who has been connected with the large medical house of J. C. Ayer & Co., of Lowell, Mass., for over twenty years, has recently moved to Boston, where he has established his own office, looking hand and hearty. The character of a man is judged by the standing of the men it employs. Judged by this standard, the Messrs. Ayer intend to maintain the excellent reputation they have deserved.

The report of the Department of Agriculture just received, makes the following estimates as to the condition of the crops in Maine, compared with last year's crop on a scale of 100.

Corn, 100; wheat, 80; rye, 100; Irish potatoes, 90; timothy, 100; clover, 100; grass, 100.

The report is in the main favorable. It is above the average and the potato crop is in a fine condition. The apple crop is very poor.

Secretary of the Navy Whitney, who is sojourning at Bar Harbor, has accepted an invitation to visit the Eastern Maine State Fair, on Wednesday, Aug. 31, which will be Governor's Day. We hope to have other day invited to the fair, and we hope to go in a special Pullman train, which has been tendered for the accommodation of the party, by Capt. Tucker of the Maine Central Railway. Secretary Falchard and wife will be of the party, which will be tendered a lunch and other attentions.

The Standard Mills Company has expanded during the current year in the manufacture of flour for home consumption and exports, and is about entering upon extensive building operations. It has the foundation in readiness for an addition of 104 feet to the new mill erected in 1884. The company is also about to begin the erection of a new building for a flouring and baking, 120x150 feet. This building will be a triple decker, with monitor roofs.

Sixty-two years ago Robert Turrell committed a crime against his reigning sovereign, King George the Third of England. Three days ago Turrell, now 93 years old, received a royal pardon for his offense from the Queen. He is a simple, honest, and upright man, his life bound hand and heart. The character of a man is judged by the standing of the men it employs. Judged by this standard, the Messrs. Ayer intend to maintain the excellent reputation they have deserved.

A meeting of the Socialist Labor party was held Sunday night at the Hotel York. The chairman was W. A. Vrooman, the secretary of the executive board of the Syracuse convention. Vrooman made a savage attack on Henry George. The rejection of the socialist idea, he said, was a shameful piece of ingratitude. George could not catch the farmers in the trap he had set for them, and used a more treacherous to break up the party. He not only insulted members of the Socialist Labor party, but, 20,000 outside socialists as well.

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The Kemp Manure Sprayer is again a favorite with the people of the State. It is a great improvement, and is used in Maine as never before. No intelligent or progressive farmer can afford to be without them.

Mr. Curtis Stevens, Esq., the efficient Trial Justice of Chelsea, has within a few days paid into the treasury of Kennebec county, some six hundred dollars, fine remuneration for his services.

The little son of Will Stebbins, Portland, mentioned last week, died from his injuries.

## Our Home Festivals.

The time is past for holding of the Farmers' Home Festivals, the agricultural fairs, when the farmers and their families come together to enjoy the fruits which promise the highest good of all, determining who can best work and win the prizes. These are the glad holidays that come in as the autumn's fruits are being gathered, to lighten toll as the eye rests upon the golden products of the year, and the voice is attuned to the song of "Harvest Home."

We get and carry along with us through the year, very much, from our State, county and town fairs. We can see in these a fair of rational profit and pleasure for those who attend, the interests of neighborhood, the pleasure of the fountain from which flow the waters of kindness and good will; the show of the fruitage of the year—new seeds, new products, new uses, new methods, new contrivances, new blood of capital, sleep, long hours, art and skill, household manufacturers, etc., a sight which will be an incentive to the children, and a ray of new hope to many a man and woman tired of old things.

There is no reason why a man should not be associated with any of the different classes of fairs, (ravings, trials of strength and skill in plowing, etc.) trials of strength and skill in plowing, as well as road qualities, should not be as legitimate and rational as improvement and pleasure, as anything else in the year; that country or neighborhood which sees the good there is in such exhibitions, and goes steadily forward to develop and render such fair attractions and occasions of profit, are truly wise, and the influence of these fairs will show itself in many ways, distinguishing the people, good blooded cattle, horses, long hoes, fowls, &c.

Many oppose the test of speed of horses, as being a trial of gambling. At one of the leading fairs in the State last autumn, public races were first advertised and sold on the grounds and at the hotels, a most brazen species of gambling.

There is no progressive portion of the league which is not also a progressive portion of the league, and the name of Prof. Baird has been so honorably identified. His early studies inclined him to the study of medicine, and, besides constant personal work, he attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, and graduated in 1851.

Prof. Spencer F. Baird, of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, the great naturalist, whose opinions have been so frequently mentioned in this paper, died on Friday last, at Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The subject of this sketch was born in Reading, Pa., Feb. 5, 1828. Entering Dickinson College in his native town, he pursued a course of elementary studies, and graduated in 1846. He then available, graduated from that institution at the age of 15. His favorite study, natural history, immediately engaged the attention of the youth, and a woodland ramble and hillside research served to impress him that prediction for these investigations by him to be to become his profession. His progress was moreover, may have been largely attributable to the abundant source of health resulting from these outdoor excursions. The specimens collected by him at this period served as the basis of his first publications, and were exhibited in the American Museum of Natural History, New York, in 1850.

He was a student at the college of New Haven, and graduated in 1851.

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of Maine News.

Items of General News.

The Markets.

Report of Union Stock Market.

(especially suitable for the Mate Farmer.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 23, 1887.

Bases of Drivers.

P. W. Thompson & Son, 00

Brown & Son, 00

C. H. Merrill, 00

Morrell & Hubbard, 00

McKenney & Libby, 00

H. H. Jackson, 00

G. Cooley, 00

J. Maxfield, 00

G. E. Lincoln, 00

G. Towns, 00

house, costing least: Sheep, 45¢ per lb.; lambs, 50¢@6¢ per lb., live weight.

REMARKS.

The arrivals for the week, figure up a total of 18 carloads of sheep and lamb, and the weeks for the month, 16 double-deck cars. Trade for home and export trade of sheep and lamb is good, but the market is not active.

Trade among the dealers

was full as strong.

Prices were higher in the West, but

the prices were lower in the East.

There was no change from last week.

Offerings were made in ex-

change of the demand, with the usual

offerings of drivers.

Drivers are

now in excess.

TRADE.

Over 500 cows in New York city are

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## Poetry.

For the Maine Farmer.

## The Apple.

By LEWIS M. HODGES.

I grew in Maine upon a spreading tree,  
All bright with mineral leaf and snowy flower,  
With many a bough and the clinging bee;  
And neither drank from many a sparkling shower.

My father bemoaned the sloping hill,  
But still he plowed it, and the world did well.

Then, stumping down upon the creeping grass,  
Among my boughs the merry bob-o-link.

The song-bird and the robin sang their lays;

Flourished and sang through the long June days.

All in the shade of the spreading shade-tree,  
And never grew a more green or lovelier grass.

And hills and groves and woods were green,

I caught the breath of fragrant spruce and pine,

And sunnier, and past the harvest times,

And pale October, from whose breath of frost,

One leaf did not wither, still and sunny days.

On the water's scrye rang ripples and clatter;

Madie blues ran up upon my cheeks appear,

Summer, with its golden-red and ripened corn,

And pale October, from whose breath of frost,

The wave of life perhaps may who—knows?

Alas! with apples and alms with men:

One leaf did not wither, still and sunny days.

And green dream and live them over again,

For the Maine Farmer.

## Lost and Found.

The old man lay by the gate alone,

Watching the world in the sun.

As it always sets in the westerly sky,

As it always sets in the westerly sky.

It brings his mind to Heaven's gate,

As it always sets in the westerly sky;

And the thoughts bring joy to his wrinkled brow.

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The morning light shone steadily,

Through the trees, and softly and softly,

With tender touch, on the old man's brow.

A gentle smile in the old man's face,

As it always sets in the westerly sky.

"I've reached at last my heavenly home,

As it always sets in the westerly sky;

And I think the angels heard my prayer,

As it always sets in the westerly sky.

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The old man died, and went to heaven,

As it always sets in the westerly sky.

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